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1. During the period from 7 to 12 October 1952, the Fliegerhorst Kaserne in Perleberg (M 54/T 70) was occupied by about 2,500 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Troops were seen receiving training on heavy machine guns and tanks. Eight armored scout cars and 16 heavy mortars towed by trucks were seen entering the installation.

2. During the period from 7 to 12 October, the Artillerie Kaserne on Lindenstrasse, Perleberg, was occupied by 1,500 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. They received training on heavy machine guns and tanks.

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3. During the period from 6 to 8 October, the Hindenburg Kaserne at the intersection of Herrenkrugstrasse and Jerichower Strasse, Magdeburg (M 53/Y 60), was partially occupied. Troops were seen stuffing straw sacks in the barracks yard and carrying the sacks to the quarters. Part of the radio installation in the area between the Hindenburg Kaserne and the Herrenkrug Kaserne was dismantled on 6 October. Of the six masts only the two outward masts were left. The wooden buildings were no longer there. Only one signal vehicle was near each mast. (2)

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4. On 10 October, source learned from an informant that a column of 10 M-13 rocket launchers and 10 trucks had passed through Nauen (N 53/Z 45) on that day. The column came from the direction of Friesack and proceeded toward Kremmen. Another informant stated that maneuvers would be held in the area south of Nauen and the road showed heavy imprints of tanks. (3)

5. At 2 a.m. on 9 October, 600 recruits were unloaded at the Eberswalde (N 53/V 08) freight station and marched to the Artillerie Kaserne on Freienwalder Strasse. (4)

6. On 4 October, source learned from _____
on the night of 2 October, about 120 soldiers with trucks and 7 armored scout cars arrived from the summer camp and that they belonged to an advance party of the Vasenko Unit. Two buildings were not filled to capacity

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on 4 October. The renovation of the buildings was nearing completion. A large number of the craftsmen employed continued reconditioning the officers billets on Thorner Strasse on 4 October. Another German employee stated that the troops would return from the summer camp on about 4 October. (5)

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7. At 7:45 a.m. on 28 September, a train carrying about 15 [redacted]

[redacted] 1 JSU-122 gun was at the Angermuende (N 54/Q 20) railroad station. (6)

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8. In early October, source learned from a VP member that about 23,000 Soviet women passed through Frankfurt/Oder during the period from 1 August to 1 October and were issued uniforms there.

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9. During the period from mid-August to mid-September, a large number of trains carrying women of 18 to 22 years of age arrived in Frankfurt/Oder, coming from the east. At the post they received new uniforms which had either red-bordered black or black-bordered crimson epaulets, and black-bordered blue epaulets. The women were invariably sent on in the direction of Schwerin, Erfurt, Magdeburg or Dresden.



10. In late September, the Horn Kaserne on Nuhner Chaussee, Frankfurt/Oder, was used as a processing camp for Soviet women who arrived in groups of 200 to 300. They were issued new uniforms and then sent to the various military posts in groups of about 50. One of the buildings served as permanent quarters for a cadre unit of about 100 women. (7)

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[redacted] Comments.

(1) This information indicates that a mortar unit of the 18th Mocz Div is quartered in the Artillerie Kaserne and the Fliegerhorst Kaserne in addition to other units of the division which were reported there by the same source on 5 October. [redacted]. Mortars of 160-mm caliber which may belong to the 592d Mort Regt (US) of the afore mentioned division were repeatedly reported stationed in the Fliegerhorst Kaserne prior to the departure of the troops for summer training. As no units which can be identified as belonging to this regiment were seen when the troops left Ludwigsburg in the spring of 1952, the assumption that the regiment was no longer in Ludwigsburg but was in Perleberg was vaguely supported. It can be assumed that the regiment is stationed in Perleberg, as the addition of the units of the 18th Mocz Div with the headquarters unit, the 33d Tank Regt (US), the 2511th AAA Regt (US), the 921st Sig Dn (US) and the 592d Mort Regt (US) about totals the strength estimated by source.

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(2) Prior to the beginning of the summer training, the Hindenburg Kaserne was carried occupied by army units of the Third Shock Army and artillery units and/or signal units and motor transport units. Elements which had been away from the post during the summer season may probably return in early October.

(3) The rocket launcher unit probably belongs to the Fourth Gds Mocz Army and returned to its post from field exercises which units of the army had held in the area south and southeast of Rathenow during the period from 4 to about 10 October 1952. [redacted]

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(4) The recruits probably are for the 6th Gds Mocz Div.

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(5) Probably advance parties of the 175th Tank Regt and the unidentified mortar regiment of the 25th Tank Div which had been stationed in the barracks southeast of Berliner Strasse prior to the summer training. Lieutenant Colonel Vasenko (fmu) who is known probably is a supply officer of one of these units.

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(6) [redacted] the train possibly carried units of the 82d Gds Hv Tank SP Regt of the 6th Gds Mecz Div which moved from the Templin training grounds to Eberswalde. [redacted]

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(7) An estimated 5,000 women had arrived in Eastern Germany until mid-September 1952. [redacted]. The figure reported in paragraph 8 therefore appears too high. A previous report tended to indicate that the Horn Kaserne served as processing camp for Soviet women. [redacted].

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